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PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AT KEY BISCAYNE

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE: KUBISCH MEETING WITH
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR

REF: MEXICO 1321, 1299, 1289

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH
MEXICO FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS EARLIER THIS
AFTERNOON, I CALLED IN MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI AND
HAD A VERY BRIEF, COLD AND OFFICIAL MEETING WITH HIM AT
6:00 PM AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS, READING FROM A
DOCUMENT I HAD PREPARED IN ADVANCE:

2. ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU, I HAD CALLED HIM IN.
JUST PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE THIS AFTERNOON FOR KEY
BISCAYNE, YOU HAD SEEN A TELEGRAM FROM OUR EMBASSY IN
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MEXICO CITY CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE MEXICAN DRAFT

"SUGGESTIONS FOR DOCUMENT TO BE DRAWN UP BY THE CONFERENCE
OF TLATELOLCO." YOU WERE ASTONISHED AND SERIOUSLY TAKEN
ABACK TO SEE SUCH A DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS

AND CIRCULATED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS A "COMPILATION OF POINTS" FOR CONSIDERATION IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. I TOLD DE OLLOQUI FLATLY THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT AT ALL IN KEEPING WITH YOUR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH RABASA, THAT IT WAS CLEARLY ONE-SIDED AND CONFRONTATIONAL AND REplete WITH SUCH PHRASES AS "THE CONFERENCE REITERATES THE NECESSITY FOR THE U.S. TO PAY HEED..." AND "THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DECLARE THAT IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT THE U.S. FULLY RESPOND...". I SAID THE DOCUMENT CLEARLY IMPUTED TO THE U.S. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A WIDE-RANGE OF SHORTCOMINGS AND FAILURES IN THE REGION, THAT IT WAS ACCUSATORY, A TRADITIONAL WE-THEY APPROACH, AND WAS WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR A TRULY INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE WITH THE KIND OF HIGH AND FAR-REACHING OBJECTIVES AGREED UPON BETWEEN YOU AND RABASA.

4. I TOLD DE OLLOQUI THAT YOU HAD INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM HIM THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS SIMPLY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S., DID NOT EVEN PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, AND THAT WE WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF IT OR MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO "MARRY" ANY DRAFT OF OUR OWN TO IT.

5. I SAID THAT IF THIS DOCUMENT AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS PRODUCED AND CIRCULATED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WAS AN ACCURATE INDICATION OF THE APPROACH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING TO THE CONFERENCE, IT RAISED A SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER YOU SHOULD EVEN ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE.

6. I INFORMED DE OLLOQUI THAT IF SUCH HECTORING AND ACCUSATORY VIEWS WERE GOING TO CHARACTERIZE THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS AND ATTITUDES -- AS HOST FOR THE CONFERENCE -- IN FRONT OF THE HIGH LEVEL AND MOST IMPORTANT CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FROM THE U.S. IN YEARS, THEN YOUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A VIGOROUS NEW AND PRODUCTIVE SET OF RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE U.S. AND THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN
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AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WOULD IMMEDIATELY COLLAPSE AND LOSE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE ALL POSSIBILITY OF THE KIND OF BROAD CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE U.S. THAT WAS REQUIRED.

7. I CLOSED BY STATING THAT YOU HAD INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR OF THE FOREGOING IMMEDIATELY.

8. DE OLLOQUI PAID CLOSE ATTENTION THROUGHOUT MY STATEMENTS, STOPPING ME ONCE OR TWICE TO MAKE SURE HE WAS GETTING MY LANGUAGE EXACTLY, AND WAS OBVIOUSLY SHAKEN BY THE MEETING AND THE FORCE OF OUR REACTION. HE SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH SECRETARY RABASA IMMEDIATELY AND

CONVEY OUR VIEWS. HE ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN
TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN LATER THIS EVENING. RUSH

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